

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): KOGA et al.  
Application No.: 10/594,681  
Filed: 9/28/2006  
For: INTRAMEDULLARY ROD FOR ASSISTING TOTAL KNEE JOINT  
REPLACING OPERATION AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLED OPERATION  
USING THE ROD  
Group AU: 3733  
Examiner: Kostelnik, S.  
Conf. No.: 2077

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

July 22, 2010

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2010, in connection  
with the above-identified application.

In response to the restriction requirement in the outstanding office action,  
applicants elect the invention of Group II, including claim 9, drawn to a total knee  
joint replacement assisting terminal.

Examination of the elected invention in due course is requested.

Please charge any shortages in the fees due in connection with the filing of  
this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket  
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Respectfully submitted,

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